



WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 15

THE STAR

Official Newsletter of Church of the Epiphany-Tempe

Pictured above: John Slaughter, Dwight Stone, Alex Davis, Billy Walters
These Sod Squad-ers cleaned up the playground and installed shade sails!

Easter Egg Filling & Brunch Donations

Time to start thinking ahead to helping with the Epiphany Easter activities that we've all come to enjoy and share with our Unity and now UCCI neighbors. Please pick up a packet of Bible verses to add to your FILLED donated plastic eggs - see the large basket in the Narthex with the sign. There are some empty eggs available for anyone to take, first come first served. Please return filled eggs (with non-melting candy) by Palm Sunday. If at all possible, consider helping to hide them on Easter morning, and mark your calendar to bring a food item for the Easter brunch. Both the egg hunt and brunch will run from 9am

to 10am, between the two services. Questions? -

Contact Pam Waterman at:

watermanpj28@gmail.com/602-686-1249.



Sunday at Epiphany

The Fourth Sunday
in Lent

Celebrant:

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:

Lynda Odell

Reader:

Carol Dalton

Acolyte:

Joe Moritz

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Slaughter

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:

Barbara Behrens, David Dean

Readers:

Rich Van Slyke, Jane Konrad

Acolyte:

Jane Konrad

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nancy Keith, Ann Tebo

Music:

Dr. Miriam Hickman, Matt Flora,
Choir, Alex Mather-Charles

A/V Ministers:

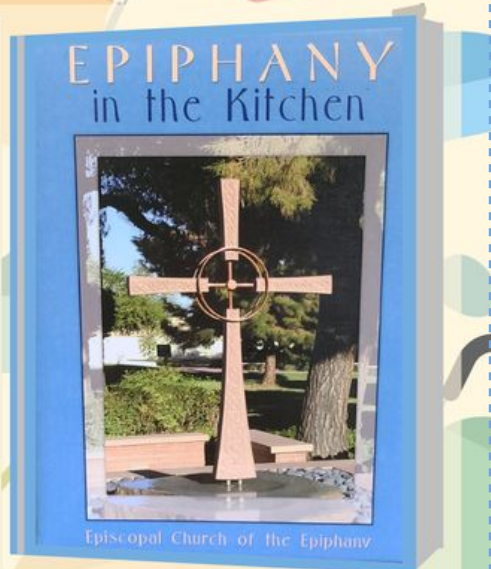
Alex Mather-Charles

Join us in-person at 8:00 or 10:00, or
online at 10:00

**Epiphany's cookbook
will be available on the
third Sunday of each
month in the parish hall.**

That's this Sunday!

**Filled with delicious
recipes contributed by
fellow Epiphanites, you
will want to be sure to
have a copy of your own!**





[Click here for more details!](#)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAR. 29

Palm Sunday | 8am & 10am

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday | 7pm

APRIL 3

Good Friday | 12pm & 7pm
Stations of the Cross | 3pm

APRIL 4

Holy Saturday Service | 9am
Easter Vigil | 7pm



FOR HE HAS BEEN RAISED

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5**



Worship Services

8AM - SPOKEN WORD WORSHIP

10AM - CHORAL WORSHIP

WITH GUEST MUSICIANS

Egg Hunt & Brunch

9AM - POTLUCK-STYLE BRUNCH

9AM - EASTER EGG HUNT

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*Easter Flowers
& Memorials*



Help us beautify the church for Easter by making a gift towards Easter flowers! Be sure to include your memorial with the gift, they will be featured in the Star newsletter in the weeks surrounding Easter. The last chance to submit for Easter flower memorials this year is Monday, March 23 by the end of day. You can place a gift clearly marked for Easter flowers in the offering basin on Sundays (be sure to include a memorial!) or fill out the form on our webpage [by clicking here.](#)

Worship | Serve | Love



Join us for our Parish Spring Clean Day as we spruce up our church home and prepare our campus for newcomers and the season ahead! Whether you can lend a hand for an hour or the whole morning, your help makes a difference. There are tasks for all comfort levels, such as cleaning windows, pulling weeds, wiping pews and chairs, restocking pew cards, trimming shrubs, and many more! Check out the signup sheet during coffee hour or [click here to sign up online](#)! Reach out to Jerry at junior_warden@epiphanytempe.org with any questions.

Capital Project Update:

Farmhouse Roofing to be completed by early next week

Crews have been laboring all week and are planning to finish by next Tuesday.

The church office will reopen in the Farmhouse on Wednesday, March 18

As many of you know, the roof replacement was made possible through support of the Diocese. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over \$15,000 so far! Every contribution—large or small—helps us to continue our ministry in the City of Tempe, and celebrates our shared mission and ministry.

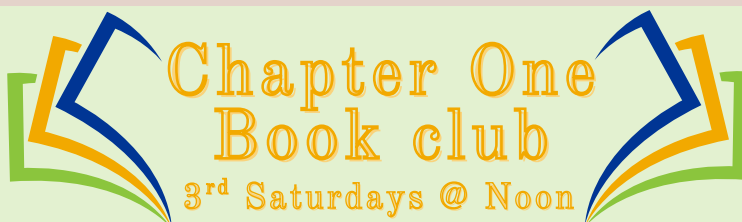
Thank you for your continued generosity, understanding, and care for Epiphany. Please keep the workers, our campus, and one another in your prayers.

Coffee in the Courtyard



**Sundays after the 10am service.
Enjoy the weather and fellowship!**

Join us outside! If you attended any of these gatherings last winter, you know they offered the chance for a fresh-air sit-down and relaxing chats. There will be sign-up sheets for snack donations and for the all-important putting-away-tables/chairs-task. Please take five minutes to help so we can all enjoy and be done by noon.



Start Reading for March!

The March pick is A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Meeting March 21st at noon on Zoom. The April book pick is The Six by Laura Thompson, meeting April 18. If you would like to join the book club, need the Zoom link, or have any questions, contact Gillian Murphy at: (480)907-4933 or gillian@kirkyhomes.com.

Lent @ Epiphany

February 18 - April 3

www.epiphanytempe.org/lent

Sundays in Lent | Coffee Hour Formation @ 11:30am in the Ed. Bldg.

Nurturing a Rule of Life: Being People of Worship, Service and Love. At its core, the term “Rule of Life” is not about duty to rules but about slowing down and structuring our lives in alignment with our deepest desires. It’s a set of practices and relational rhythms that create space to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did. [Watch this video to learn more!](#)

Wednesday Lenten Series | Prayer, Potluck, Formation @ 5:30pm

We will begin with evening prayer in the Chapel at 5:30pm. Afterwards we’ll enjoy meatless potluck-style feast in the parish hall and transition into this year’s Lenten Formation Series Encountering Faith through Women in Scripture. Put this on your calendar and join us for one or all of these Lenten offerings starting this Wednesday! If you would like to reference the Women’s Lectionary being used for this formation series, or make copies for your group’s bible study, a copy can be made available to you in the Farmhouse during office hours.



Lenten Cereal Drive Total at 201!

We are approximately halfway **June Crane** through Lent and we are a little more than halfway towards our goal of 700 boxes and bags of cereal for the food banks at Matthews Crossing and Paz de Cristo. Great work Epiphany and many thanks to all who have donated cereal or money to allow Karen and I to purchase cereal. Our total for this last week was 156. Cereal goes in the grocery cart or the specially marked box that will be outside the west Parish Hall doors every Sunday. If you would prefer to donate money, cash or checks (made out to Church of the Epiphany) cheerfully accepted. Please note that they are for the Lenten Cereal Drive and place them in the offering plate at the back of the church. Thanks!



Creation Care Corner

Offering ideas and inspiration for sustainable discipleship

Lent is a time that we fast in order to prepare for Easter and commemorate the forty days that Jesus fasted in the desert. This year, you might consider a less traditional “fast for the earth” that involves individual acts that care for God’s creation. Click the calendar below from Green Anglicans for ideas.

-Amy Douglass

[click the calendar to enlarge/download](#)

FAST FOR THE EARTH							
RESTORATION 202Fix							
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	
#MeatFreeMonday	Plastics must fall Say no to the use of single use plastics, straws, single-serve bottles.	Kids Clean-away Invited to clean up their messes in the house, school, or another home.	Rethink Packaging Check the packaging before buying. Is your grocery bag reusable? Is your packaging reusable?	Advocate for Change Challenge your local city or state government on recycling and waste management.	How Year wonderful! Celebrate a year of growth and change. Share your story with the church.	Second Sunday Remember the creation of the world and the promise of new life.	
#MeatFreeMonday	Switch it off! Commit to switching off devices.	The more the merrier! Check in with your neighbors and invite them to join you in your fast.	Power down! Check out your electronics. Turn off all devices that you don't need to use.	It's Game Time! Turn off electronics and bring out the board or card games.	Be the change! Say no to new and get your hands dirty in the garden.	Third Sunday Remember the creation of the world and the promise of new life.	
#MeatFreeMonday	Think about the Waste Picker Consider your responsibility for food waste.	The Year of the Paper Bag Take alternative bags to shops with and avoid plastic for groceries and errands.	Garden or Compost Start a compost heap or start your own vegetable garden.	Love Local Support local vendors. Buy food and experience from local vendors.	Five loaves and two fish Share your cupboard and take out all food that you want and before it's sold by date.	Fourth Sunday Remember the creation of the world and the promise of new life.	
#MeatFreeMonday	Roots for Tomorrow For your next celebration, plant a tree at Church or home.	Natural Beauty Take photos of natural beauty and share it on your website or social media.	Green gifts! Buy some indigenous plants, seedlings, and give them to your friends.	Poppin' for the Planet Watch a nature movie tonight.	Enjoy the Sunshine Have an early morning picnic or picnic in a sunny spot.	World Water Day Remember the creation of the world and the promise of new life.	
#MeatFreeMonday	Repurposed water Think a shower is the answer to use the water in the house.	Water Warrior Remember your responsibility to use water wisely and conserve.	Single Use vs Reusable Say no to the single use plastic bottle. Buy a reusable one.	Every Drop Counts Take a shower in 10 mins, or less, per person per day.	Preparing the streets for the Messiah. Walk through your neighborhood and pick up other people's trash.	Palm Sunday Remember the creation of the world and the promise of new life.	

Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. - Jeremiah 33:6

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**Being
With**



Only 10 spots
are available
per course!

Being With - Regular Course

RSVP

Sundays, starting April 12 through June 21, 6pm-7:30pm

Would you like to explore your faith with us? We are using a 10 week course developed by St. Martin's in the Field, London that explores the Christian faith from an inclusive and positive understanding of the Christian faith. It's particularly constructed for those who are exploring for the first time or after a significant break.

Being With - End of Life Course

RSVP

Wednesdays, starting April 8 through June 10, 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for a course that creates space for honest conversation, practical planning, and faithful reflection—for those making plans for themselves or navigating recent loss.

Together, we will explore questions of mortality, legacy, grief, and Christian hope—grounded in prayer, Scripture, and the assurance of God's abiding presence.

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**Exploring
Life and Faith
Together**

IMPACT REPORT



**54 LIVES
SAVED**

Church of the Epiphany - Episcopal

IMPACT REPORT

MARCH 2026 BLOOD DRIVE

20 total units of blood
54 lives impacted

Through your March 2026 blood drive, you made a life-changing impact on patients across Arizona. Your generosity and commitment to saving lives helped ensure that those in need, whether facing surgery, battling cancer, or experiencing a medical emergency, received the critical blood they depend on.

Your community's dedication to giving back is truly inspiring, and we are so grateful for your support. Thank you for making a real difference, you are heroes to so many!

Many thanks,

Angelina Buzzelli

Angelina Buzzelli
Donor Recruitment Manager

This Week's Prayers

We are all invited to pray for these people in our personal prayers throughout the week.

- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Kenya
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Christ the King - Tucson
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** James Kevlin, Mary O'Grady
- **Parish Prayer List:** April, Barbara, Carol & Frank & Allen, Carol & Walt, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, David, Deloris, Ellen & Richard, Jack & Pam, Katie, Levi & family, Linda & John & family, Michael, Nancy, Susan, the family of Timothy Reeves, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, March 15-** ~Rule of Life Formation Series at 11:30am in the Ed. Bldg. ~Vestry Meeting at 12:15pm in the Farmhouse. ~A.A. at 4pm in the Parish Hall. ~Al-Anon at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Monday, March 16-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Tuesday, March 17-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church.
- **Wednesday, March 18-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 12pm in the Farmhouse. ~Lenten Series: Evening Prayer at 5:30pm in the Chapel, Potluck & Formation follows at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, March 19-** ~Morning Prayer at 9pm in the Chapel. ~Business Networking International Meeting at 9am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Choir Rehearsal at 7pm in the Church.
- **Friday, March 20-** ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Saturday, March 21-** ~Parish Spring Clean Day from 8:30am to 11:30pm. ~Chapter One Book Club Meeting via Zoom.

Vestry Leadership

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